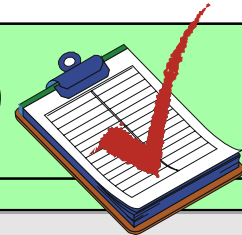


CHS CHECKUP



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NEWS BRIEFS

MORE FITNESS

The CHS Physical Fitness program lives on!

Every Tuesday and Thursday everyone is invited to meet for 15-minute exercising. Meet at the grassy area by the walking path. (CHS building lobby if bad weather) Meet from 9:45-10 a.m. and 2:45-3 p.m.

STATE FAIR NEEDS HELP

There are still time slots open for state fair volunteers, especially the afternoon spots. Please call the Office of Communications at 564-6786 or see your department's fair coordinator for more information. The state fair is Aug. 17-27.



TIP OF
THE
WEEK

Does your toothbrush look like it needs to be replaced? If the bristles look spread out, matted or begin to stiffen it's probably time to replace it. Brushes with these signs of wear have lost the ability to remove plaque effectively from your teeth. Dentists suggest replacing toothbrushes at least every three months. You may want to change your toothbrush more frequently especially after a cold or the flu or other illnesses. Be sure to store your toothbrush in a container that allows it to dry between brushings.

CHR Building Work Continues

Here's An Update Of Construction Work In CHR Complex

Contractors will start working Monday, July 17, on the two passenger elevators that are in the East End (toward Martin Luther King Boulevard) of the CHR Complex that also serve the Health Services Building.

This is an extensive renovation that will require one of the elevators to be out of service for several weeks. This will be done one elevator at a time, and hopefully will not cause too many problems in getting to and from your work areas.

Other building news:

n New doors have been installed at the main entrance to the Health Services Building. These will be in operation early in the week of July 17.

n Work is being done on the brick on the west side of the Health Services Building. This is part of the water-proofing project.

n OIG's Special Investigations Division has moved to the Distance Learning Center and a majority of the Provider Audit

Branch has moved to the 5th floor. All phone numbers remain the same.

n Finance has erected barriers to seal off two areas of the 4th floor and install the ventilation system. The first area will be the east end where Special/Audits was located and the second

barrier will be in the center of the building in front of the CFC Secretary's Office and where Communications used to be located. Carpet removal has also begun.

n All carpet and wall covering removal will be conducted at night during the entire renovation.

Barriers will be erected for all phases. Employees are asked to remain

outside of the barrier and be careful not to puncture it. Staff near the work area are asked to be patient. The workers will try and keep the noise down as low as possible.

n CHS staff is to be congratulated on the efforts to surplus and archive unnecessary items and files. However, more is better! Please continue surplus of non-essential furniture and files. This is essential to the success and economy of our upcoming moves.



CHS Retirements and Receptions

Several CHS employees are retiring July 31. Here is a listing of some of the soon-to-be retirees as well as receptions. Please forward announcements to the CHS Checkup.

PUBLIC HEALTH:

Suann Hudson, resource management division director, 26 years; **Trudy Vanmeter**, internal policy analyst, 26 years; **Carol Yeast**, procedures development coordinator, 32 years; **Rondia Burdine**, public health support branch manager, 35 years; **Morris Strevels**, Public Health Protection and Safety, 35 years; **Jay Hopkins**, Adult and Child Health, 21 years; **Kirk Catinna**, Epidemiology and Health Planning, 25 years; **Mike Cleaver**, Public Health Protection and Safety, 27 years.

Reception July 18 honoring **Margaret Stapleton**, medical epidemiologist, 18 years. Public Health Lobby 1-2:30 p.m.

MEDICAID

Reception July 27 honoring **Peggy Puckett**, Administrative Specialist III, 30 years. 2-4 p.m., Medicaid Services Commissioner's Conference Room, 6th floor west, CHR Building. RSVP Arelene Fluegge or Debbie Smither by e-mail.

Reception July 28 honoring **Kay Kirkland**, principal assistant to the commissioner, 27 years. 2-4 p.m. Medicaid Services Commissioner's Conference Room, 6th floor-west CHR Building. RSVP Vonda Wallace or Cindy Watts by e-mail.

Other July 31 retirements: **Dana Winkel**, Program Coordinator, with 27 1/2 years; **Sharon Walter**, Internal Policy Analyst II, with 27 years; **Martha Buchwald**, Administrative Specialist I, with 16 1/2 years.

MENTAL HEALTH-MENTAL RETARDATION

Reception July 27 honoring **Diane Simmons**, assistant director in Mental Retardation, 28 years. 2-4 p.m., Large A&B conference rooms, 4th floor 100 Fair Oaks. RSVP Raymond Anderson, 564-7702.

Changes For Spending Accounts

A new third party administrator has been contracted for the 2001 Plan Year to operate the state employee flexible spending account program. This step has been taken by the Personnel Cabinet in response to complaints regarding slow reimbursement services by the current provider.

A survey of CHS employees earlier this year indicated some problems with the amount of time it was taking to reimburse employees.

The survey of 389 employees showed that 84 percent were getting reimbursements after 10 or more working days during the 2000 plan year. During the previous year, only 10 percent reported reimbursements took that long. ✓

CHS Computer Survey Reminder

CHS employees are being asked to take part in a survey to help improve information technology. Computer users were sent a survey on July 14. Feel free to provide additional written comments at the end of the survey.

Your input is extremely valuable. Please forward your completed survey response within the **next five days** via e-mail to chs.itsurvey@mail.state.ky.us, or you may print your completed survey response and send it anonymously via messenger mail to Joe Thompson, CHS/CIO, 275 East Main Street, Mail Stop 1E-G, Frankfort, KY 40621.



The CHS Job Fair last Saturday attracted more than 300 people. The fair, held in the CHR cafeteria, sought applicants for various jobs in Frankfort and other locations around the state.

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